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SUBJECT: ACADEMICS DETAINED IN ZAMBIA

REF: LUSAKA 293, STATE 38391

1. MRS. BURGESS CLIFFE AND MRS. LOGHI AND THEIR CHILDREN ARE WELL, AND THEY HAVE NO KNOWN PROBLEMS EXCEPT FOR DETENTION OF HUSBANDS.

2. BECAUSE UNZA CAMPUS IS CLOSED TO EMBASSY PERSONNEL AND MR. LONGHI AND MRS. BURGESS-CLIFFE CANNOT BE REACHED BY TELEPHONE, THEY HAVE AGREED TO RETURN TO EMBASSY IN NEAR FUTURE TO CHECK FOR MESSAGES. AS SOON AS MRS. LONGHI CONTACTS US, WE WILL ASK HER TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL INFORMATION REQUESTED BY WILEY. SEIDMAN'S OFFER OF BLOCKED ACCOUNT WILL ALSO BE PASSED TO MRS. LONGHI AT THAT TIME.

3. EFFORTS ARE REPORTEDLY BEING MADE TO COLLECT A FUND IN ZAMBIA TO ASSIST STUDENTS IN LEGAL DIFFICULTY, BUT THIS WOULD PROBABLY NOT ASSIST FACULTY MEMBERS. WE UNDERSTAND BOTH MRS. LONGHI AND MRS. BURGESS-CLIFFE HAVE OBTAINED LEGAL COUNSEL.

4. CLIFFE AND LONGHI WERE DETAINED UNDER PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC SECURITY ACT WHICH ALLOWS GRZ TO HOLD THEM FOR UNLIMITED TIME WITHOUT SPECIFYING CHARGES. THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THEIR STATUS SINCE ARREST. FROM SIMILAR CASES IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE PAST, WE BELIEVE THEY MAY BE DETAINED FOR AN INDEFINITE

PERIOD WHILE POLICE INVESTIGATION IS SLOWLY COMPLETED. FYI.
AT THIS POINT WE CONSIDER IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO SPECULATE EITHER
ON OUTCOME OF THIS INVESTIGATION OR ON PROSPECTS FOR EARLY RELEASE
OF EITHER CLIFFE OR LONGHI.
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